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14 Somerset Place,
Glasgow, 11*th March*, 1912.

To the Managers,
Royal Infirmary of Glasgow.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg leave to offer myself for the post of Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

I graduated M.B., Ch.B. (with distinction in Surgery), at the University of Glasgow in July, 1908.

I received First-class Certificates of Merit both in Clinical Surgery and Clinical Medicine.

While an undergraduate I acted as interim House Surgeon in various wards, and in the Out-patient Department of the Western Infirmary, for a period of five months.

Since graduating I have devoted myself entirely to the Surgical side of the profession.

I was Resident House Surgeon in the wards under the care of Dr. T. Kennedy Dalziel for a period of eight and a half months; following this I was appointed to the Out-patient Department, the Throat and Nose Wards, and to the Isolation Wards.

On leaving the Infirmary I obtained the post of Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow, which position I occupied for one year.

From September, 1910 to October, 1911, I assisted Dr. Walker Downie in the Throat and Nose Department of the Western Infirmary.

In 1911 I was appointed a Demonstrator of Physiology in the same University, but with the permission of the Professor of Physiology in the University, I resigned this post in order that I might become University Assistant to the St. Mungo Professor of Surgery at the Royal Infirmary in January, 1912.

I am devoting my energies entirely to Surgery, and for this reason have refused what general practice has been offered to me, and I shall, in the event of my being successful in my candidature, carry out the work allotted to me to the best of my ability, and endeavour to justify the trust reposed in me.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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From THOMAS H. BRYCE, ESQ., M.D., *Regius Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
October 6th, 1910.

I UNDERSTAND that MR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE is a candidate for the post of Extra Dispensary Surgeon to the Western Infirmary.

I am not in a position to speak regarding his Surgical qualifications, but he served during last session as one of my Assistants in the Anatomical Department of the University; and, as this experience is a valuable one as a preparation for Surgical work, I have much pleasure in stating that Dr. Mackie fulfilled his duties with zeal and energy, and to my satisfaction.

He proved himself a popular teacher, and was a most willing and obliging assistant.

THOMAS H. BRYCE.

Professor Bryce permits me to use this testimonial for my present application.

From Sir Hector Clare Cameron, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.G., *Surgeon to the Western Infirmary; Professor of Clinical Surgery to the University of Glasgow.*

18 Woodside Crescent,
Glasgow, 24*th Sept.*, 1910.

Mr. W. Campbell Mackie, M.B., Ch.B., studied Clinical Surgery in my Wards in the Western Infirmary; and I had prolonged and excellent opportunity in consequence of observing, and coming to know him.

He acted also on two occasions as Interim House Surgeon. He was always warmly interested in all that took place in the Clinique, and was most regular in his attendance, industrious, and attentive.

From these facts, and from my knowledge of the abundant opportunities he has enjoyed since then of gaining further valuable experience, I feel sure that he has an excellent knowledge of Surgical Science, and methods.

He is well qualified to begin work on the junior staff of any Hospital; and it would give me pleasure to learn that he had succeeded in securing such an appointment.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

Sir Hector Cameron permits me to use this testimonial, which was given on a former occasion, for my present application.

From THOMAS KENNEDY DALZIEL, M.B., C.M., *Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow; Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.*

196 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 11*th March*, 1912.

MR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE was House Surgeon in the wards under my care in the Western Infirmary, 1908-1909, and showed considerable aptitude in Surgery.

He is an active and willing worker. While a student he obtained distinction in his classes of Clinical Surgery.

Since leaving the Hospital he has been engaged in teaching Anatomy,—so essential to a Surgeon.

I am confident that Dr. Mackie will bring enthusiasm and knowledge to his work.

T. KENNEDY DALZIEL.

From WALKER DOWNIE, M.B., *Fellow, Member of the Council, and Examiner in Aural and Laryngeal Surgery for the Fellowship, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons; Lecturer on Diseases of the Throat and Nose, at the University and Western Infirmary, Glasgow, etc.*

4 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, 11*th March*, 1912.

MR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE while a member of my Clinique in the summer of 1907 attended most regularly, and took advantage of the many opportunities there afforded to become practically acquainted with a large variety of the diseases which affect the Nose and Throat, as well as with the methods adopted for their treatment.

Subsequent to graduation, Mr. Mackie held the offices of Resident Assistant in the Dispensary, and in the wards under my charge in the Western Infirmary, for the usual terms; and from the interest he took in, and the care he bestowed on, his work while under my observation, I feel sure that he will perform any professional duties entrusted to him faithfully and well.

Since his periods of residence in the Western Infirmary, he has devoted his attention to Anatomy and Surgery; and from the experiences gained by him in those departments, I think he is more than usually well qualified to perform the duties of the position in the Dispensary of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, for which he now makes application.

WALKER DOWNIE.

From SAMSON GEMMELL, ESQ., M.D., *Regius Professor of Medicine, Glasgow University.*

17 WOODSIDE PLACE,
CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 11*th March*, 1912.

DR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE has been well known to me for some years as one of the most promising of the younger graduates of Glasgow University.

As a student of Medicine he took a distinguished place, especially in its clinical aspect; and although I cannot speak of his Surgical work (being outwith my observation), I cannot but reflect that if he brought to this department the same industry and intelligence that he displayed in his purely medical studies, he cannot but be a very eligible candidate for the post which he now seeks to secure.

He has my hearty recommendation.

SAMSON GEMMELL.

From ALBERT A. GRAY, ESQ., M.D., *Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Fellow of the Royal Society of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Surgeon for Diseases of the Ear, Victoria Infirmary; and Surgeon for Diseases of the Ear and Throat, Glasgow Cancer Hospital.*

14 NEWTON TERRACE,
GLASGOW, 11*th March*, 1912.

IT gives me great pleasure to recommend MR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE for the post of Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

During his College course Mr. Mackie shewed conspicuous ability, particularly in Surgery, and obtained many certificates of merit.

Since qualifying, Mr. Mackie has devoted himself entirely to the object of following the Surgical branch of the profession; and, recognising the fundamental importance of Anatomy from this point of view, he has spent a year as Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University.

In respect of Aural Surgery, I may say that Mr. Mackie is particularly well qualified to undertake the operations frequently required in that field, where an intimate knowledge of Anatomy, such as he possesses, is indispensable to the success and safety of these operations.

I have no doubt that, if appointed, Mr. Mackie will devote himself zealously to the work.

ALBERT A. GRAY.

From Robert Kennedy, Esq., M.A., M.D., D.Sc., *St. Mungo Professor of Surgery, Glasgow University.*

298 Bath Street,
Glasgow, 10*th Jany.*, 1912.

W. Campbell Mackie, M.B., Ch.B., has been well known to me since his graduation, and he was House Surgeon in the wards in the Western Infirmary which were under my care for a short period.

I then formed the impression that he was very enthusiastic in his work, and very anxious to acquire experience and knowledge.

He subsequently became an Assistant in the Anatomical Department of the University, and there had opportunities of acquiring anatomical knowledge, so necessary to the Surgeon, and afterwards became Assistant to Professor Noël Paton.

When it became necessary for me to select an assistant in connection with the St. Mungo Chair of Surgery, I had every confidence that he would make a most efficient assistant, in view of his wide scientific training and the considerable experience in Practical Surgery which he already had acquired.

Regarding his application for a dispensary appointment in the Royal Infirmary, I believe him to be well qualified for it, and wish him success in his application.

ROBERT KENNEDY.

From JOHN M. MUNRO KERR, ESQ., M.D., F.R.F.P.S.G., *Notman Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology at the Royal Infirmary, etc.*

7 CLAREMONT GARDENS,
GLASGOW, W., 11*th March*, 1912.

MR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE informs me that he is a candidate for the post of Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Mackie was well known to me when a student, and during the time he was House Surgeon in the Western Infirmary he frequently assisted me at operations. I have therefore had many opportunities of judging of his professional capabilities. He possesses sound judgment and keen surgical instincts. Dr. Mackie is therefore, I believe, very specially suited for the post he now seeks, and, if given an opportunity, I feel confident he will take a prominent position as a Surgeon.

I have the very greatest pleasure in supporting his candidature.

JOHN M. MUNRO KERR.

From DUNCAN MACARTNEY, ESQ., M.D., ETC., *Visiting Surgeon, Western Infirmary; Visiting Surgeon, Cancer Hospital, Glasgow.*

18 NEWTON PLACE,
GLASGOW, *7th Jan.*, 1912.

DEAR MR. MACKIE,

I have thought carefully over your request for a testimonial, and have come to the conclusion that the highest mark of my appreciation of your abilities lies in the fact that I gave you the offer of being my Assistant in the wards of the Western Infirmary to which I was recently appointed.

Anyone conversant with even an elementary knowledge of hospital and medical life can read into that statement much more than a detailed recital of your many good qualities could connote.

You have my very best wishes for your success in this application and in any other you may hereafter make.

Yours very truly,

DUNCAN MACARTNEY.

From ALEX. MACLENNAN, ESQ., *Assistant Surgeon, Western Infirmary; Extra Honorary Surgeon, Royal Hospital for Sick Children; Consulting Surgeon for the Eastern Railways in Glasgow; Honorary Consulting Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Stirling.*

16 SANDYFORD PLACE,
GLASGOW, 13*th March*, 1912.

MR. WILLIAM CAMPBELL MACKIE has been intimately known to me since his resident days in the Western Infirmary. At that time I had ample opportunity of estimating his abilities, and the good impression then made has become a conviction. Besides serving his apprenticeship as a Resident in the Hospital, Mr. Mackie has had an unusually extensive training in Anatomy, and has thus laid down one of the best foundations on which to build surgical practice. His artistic skill in the production of diagrams is well known, and I have often availed myself of his help in the preparation of illustrations for publication. Apart from such theoretical considerations, Mr. Mackie possesses great manual dexterity, and on the many occasions where I have been able to procure his assistance in my practice I have always found things to go smoothly and well. Mr. Mackie has been endowed with talents which would make him a successful man in many departments, and when he chose Surgery to be his life's work he was well advised, and I can confidently affirm that his ultimate success in the profession he has adopted is assured.

ALEX. MACLENNAN.

From Dr. William MacLennan, *Visiting Physician to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow; Examiner in Systematic and Clinical Medicine, Glasgow University, etc., etc.*

2 Woodside Place,
Glasgow, *March*, 1912.

Mr. W. Campbell Mackie tells me that he is an applicant for the post of Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, and has asked me to support his candidature. I have much pleasure in acceding to his request

Mr. Mackie has long been known to me personally and by reputation as an excellent Surgeon. His training for this specialty has been unusually good and prolonged.

He has had the advantage of having had, even as a senior student before graduation, five months' work in the Western Infirmary as resident, and after graduating he was appointed House Surgeon, and later on House Surgeon to the Out-patient Department in the Dispensary.

He has thoroughly equipped himself for his work by a special study of Anatomy, and he occupied the position of Demonstrator in the University for twelve months.

He has also been a Demonstrator in Physiology.

Latterly he has been specially identified with Surgery, and recently became Assistant to Professor Kennedy.

It will thus be seen that Mr. Mackie is unusually well qualified for the work he seeks, and I feel sure his appointment to the Dispensary would be a great accession of strength to the Surgical Department in the Royal Infirmary.

I have therefore great pleasure in recommending Mr. Mackie to the Managers of the Royal Infirmary.

WILLIAM MACLENNAN.

From JAS. H. NICOLL, ESQ., M.B., *Surgeon, Western Infirmary, and late Professor of Surgery in Anderson's College, Glasgow; Examiner in Surgery, Glasgow University.*

4 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 11*th March*, 1912.

MR. W. CAMPBELL MACKIE, M.B., Ch.B., is, I understand, a candidate for the post of Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Mackie graduated with "distinction" in surgery, and since graduating has secured for himself the means of extending his study and practice of Surgery in its various branches, with a view to such a post as he now seeks.

Knowing him and his record, I believe he is well qualified to fill such a post most efficiently.

JAS. H. NICOLL.

From D. Noël Paton, Esq., M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.P. Ed., *Regius Professor of Physiology in the University of Glasgow.*

University of Glasgow,
13*th January*, 1912.

Mr. W. Campbell Mackie, M.B., Ch.B., has acted as Assistant Demonstrator in the class of Practical General Physiology during the past term.

He has also started some experimental investigations on the functions of certain of the Ductless Glands, and has co-operated with me in other experimental research work.

I have been much impressed by his operative dexterity and his mechanical ingenuity.

He appears to me to be a well-trained and accomplished Surgeon, and is a very pleasant colleague to work with.

D. NOËL PATON.